

**Forest Land-Jalna
Black topping and up-gradation of Ajanta-Buldhana Section of National Highway 753-E
(Design Chainage Km 25/990 to Km 26/615)**

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department**
Government Order No.: FLD-2020/CR-168/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032
Date: 21.01.2021

Reference:

1. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra Circular No. FLD-2019/C.R.76/F-10, dt.03/05/2019.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Letter No.Desk-17/NC/I/C.R.-45/379/20-21, dt.18/08/2020.
3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No. FC-11/117/2019-FC, dt.09/11/2020.

Preamble:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted a proposal to the State Government for Black topping and up-gradation of Ajanta-Buldhana Section of National Highway 753-E, Dist. Jalna (Design Chainage Km 25/990 to Km 26/615) which is received from the Assistant Engineer, G.-I, National Highway Sub-Division, Khamgaon. After careful consideration and scrutiny of the proposal, this Government is pleased to grant approval for the aforesaid proposal.

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The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Aurangabad Forest Division has certified that the road under reference is existing from prior to 1980 and do not pass through Protected Area. Hence, in exercise of powers delegated to the State Government, vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 [Chapter-11, Para-11.1 (iii) & 11.6] and letter under reference No.3, Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant approval for black topping and up-gradation of Ajanta-Buldhana Section of National Highway 753-E (Design Chainage km 25/990 to km 26/615) in Jalna district.

2. This approval is subject to the following conditions:-
 - i. The execution of the work shall be restricted within 5.50 meter width & both side shoulders within 3.00 m (1.5 m + 1.5 m) width only as mentioned in letter under reference No.2
 - ii. No widening of road is allowed. Widening of road if at all required should not be undertaken without prior permission of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - iii. Both sides of upgraded road shall be reinforced with brick / stone works, and vegetative measures to check soil erosion at the project cost in consultation with concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer.
 - iv. No tree felling shall be done.
 - v. No breaking up of forest land shall be allowed.
 - vi. Though digging of side drains are permissible no dug out material would be used for construction.

- vii. While black topping, adequate precautions should be undertaken by the User Agency to avoid any damage to flora and fauna.
- viii. Fire of melting of coal tar and mixing shall be lit at a safe distance from the trees / vegetation and avoiding dry / hot seasons. Fuel wood, if required shall be purchased in advance from the Depot of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra.
- ix. Bitumen cold mix for black topping should be prepared outside the forest or at a site approved by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer.
- x. No crushing / breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest areas. Readymade materials shall be used for up-gradation of road.
- xi. Space at the cost of project authority should be provided at nodes indicated by forest department to facilitate setting up of Forest Check Nakas.
- xii. No Labour camp shall be allowed on the forest land.
- xiii. The User Agency shall maintain the curves of the roads, inside the forest and will not straighten the same.
- xiv. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xv. The User Agency shall install speed breakers and speed control signage at regular intervals to avoid accident with wild animals.
- xvi. No work shall be allowed after sunset.
- xvii. Any damage to forest area due to such up-gradation works shall be compensated by the implementing agency from the project cost. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer.
- xviii. The User Agency shall try to maintain the road surface as rough as possible to act as regular speed governor.
- xix. Any other condition the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer may impose from time to time in the interest of forest conservation and protection.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Arvind Apte)
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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